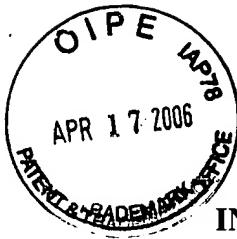


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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 2153**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Blackmore et al. Confirmation No.: 9648  
Serial No.: 09/619,051 Group Art Unit: 2153  
Filed: 07/18/2000 Examiner: Strange, Aaron N.  
Title: MECHANISMS FOR EFFICIENT MESSAGE PASSING WITH COPY  
AVOIDANCE IN A DISTRIBUTED SYSTEM USING ADVANCED  
NETWORK DEVICES

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Dear Sir:

This Response to Office Action is being submitted in reply to the Final Office Action mailed February 23, 2006 for the above-referenced patent application. A response to the Office Action is initially due on or before May 23, 2006, and thus, this Response is timely filed. It is further noted that the present response is being submitted prior to April 23, 2006 thus obliging the Examiner to provide an Advisory Action prior to May 23, 2006.

**The claim listing** begins on page 2 of this paper. No amendments have been made herein.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)**

Applicant(s): Blackmore et al.

Docket No.

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Invention: **MECHANISMS FOR EFFICIENT MESSAGE PASSING WITH COPY AVOIDANCE IN A DISTRIBUTED SYSTEM USING ADVANCED NETWORK DEVICES**

**COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:**

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